



Pirbright's Learning Week

Friday 7th March 2025

Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

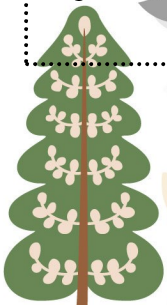
What beautiful weather we have had this week and Reception definitely made the most of the sunshine! We spent so much time in the outdoor area and learnt how to successfully use the Wild Woods in our play. We started the week by reading Supertato and our first Drawing Club consisted of drawing Supertato and labelling some key words. We used our phonetic skills to help us with our spelling. In our second Drawing Club, we discussed with our talk partners how we can trap the evil pea! We came up with some very creative ideas! We then drew these and labelled them! In maths, we have started learning about numbers 9 and 10. We learnt how to find and compare 9 and 10 and how to represent and conceptually subitise 9 and 10. In our Busy Bee groups, we used dominoes to understand whether they showed 9, less than or more than, practised number formation, played a board game with dice and sorted 9 and 10 representations. In Art, we made Supertato collages with different coloured paper and as part of Understanding of the World, we learnt what Police Officers do and how their job keeps us safe. In our provision this week, we have fed evil pea his food using tweezers and wood sticks, gone on a Supertato hunt around the classroom, bug hunted in the woods, made cakes in the sandpit, spotted tricky words, sorting 6, 7 and 8 representations, had a hop and jump obstacle course and enjoyed dressing up as different people who help us. On Friday we had a great time celebrating World Book Day! We especially loved showing off our costumes on the Catwalk!



Year 1

Our topic of 'Far, Far Away' has led us to think about sea explorers this week in Year One. We learnt about Christopher Columbus and how he discovered the 'new world' of the Americas and how the botanist Jeanne Baret

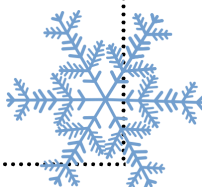
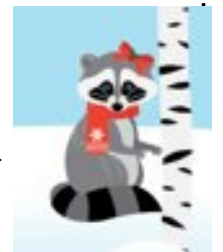
had to disguise herself as a man to fulfil her dream of sailing around the world to collect exotic plants. We had some great conversations about how this would be unfair now! We also learnt about how life at sea has changed over time. Ask us about the differences between travelling at sea in the past and today. Linked to this, we conducted a Science experiment to test whether objects would float or sink. We made predictions before we tested the objects based on our knowledge of different materials and we then discussed why some materials are able to float. We have continued our Maths topic of numbers to 20, with a focus on estimating, comparing and ordering numbers and using mathematical language to explain our thinking. In English, the main character of our book ('Journey') has found herself in a mysterious forest. This led us to become 'adjective detectives'. We looked at lots of different setting descriptions and picked out the adjectives that made the writing more interesting. We finished the week celebrating World Book Day. We had a great time showing everyone our costumes on the catwalk, making reading dens and sharing our favourite stories at The Big Read!



Year 2

The sun is shining, and the weeks are getting busier; we are definitely heading towards Easter! For 2HJ, the afternoons this week have been all about starting to get to grips with their class assembly. Songs have been learned, and lines are being rehearsed.

We are sure it will be a show to remember! In the mornings, during Maths, everyone has continued to explore money by calculating and comparing amounts. The children have a pretty good grasp on money, but one question you could ask them is: what is the difference between the pound coins and the pence coins? In English, we recapped types of sentences and conjunctions with the help of *The Caterpillar Shoes*. On Thursday, we learned about what a habitat is. The children sorted a variety of animals into the main types of habitats and discussed why certain animals live in specific environments. Friday was, of course, the highlight of the week! With the fabulous costumes, the entertaining potatoes dressed up as book characters, the catwalk, and the Big Read, it was definitely a week to remember. Alongside all of this fun, we explored the poetry book *Twist and Hop, the Minibeast Bop*. This was a lovely link to our topic, and the children had so much fun coming up with their own verses of the poem, adding actions and dance moves! What a week!

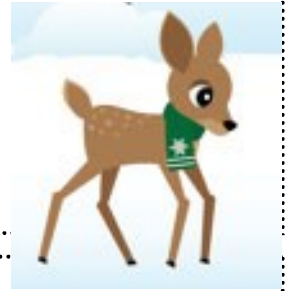




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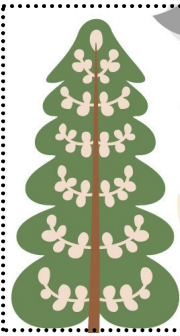
Year 3

It was a good job that none of our children came to school today—our classroom was full of book characters instead! We love reading at Pirbright but it is on days like today that we really learn how much the children love getting lost in books too. We had reading dens, potato book characters and even children hanging upside down to read a book but our favourite sight was the number of parents who came along to share a book at the Big Read! In Maths this week we have continued to explore the tricky concept of fractions, looking at how we can compare fractions with the same numerator or denominator. We have also put our engineering eyes into gear as we have learnt about the Egyptian shadufs, designed our own modern day versions and then tried to build our own working models. We can't wait to show you these at our pop-up museum. In PE, we have continued our Egyptian dance unit as well as developing our basketball skills to throw and catch with increasing accuracy.



Year 4

WOW – we've had another very busy week in Year 4! A huge well done to all those who participated in the Sports Hall athletics event on Tuesday – Mrs Currie was so impressed by everyone's determination to do their best and their amazing behaviour during the event. The children who stayed at Pirbright created some brilliant Greek Temple art which is now on display in the classrooms! It was wonderful to see everyone in their amazing costumes enjoying their moment on the catwalk! We have loved sharing some of our favourite books with each other and talked about how much we love to read and where our favourite places to read are! Thank you for joining us for the Big Read too! In maths this week we have moved onto units of measure and equivalent lengths – please ask us to work out some metre to kilometre conversions! In English we are enjoying our book *Who let the Gods out*, getting to know the personalities of some of The Greek Gods and writing diaries, reports and illustrating an exciting scene in the Café Hero. In ICT we had a great start with our animation programme on Purple Mash and are looking forward to increasing our skills over the next few weeks. This term our PE focus is on hockey and we learnt the basics of how to hold the hockey stick and dribble and stop the ball and pass the ball to a partner.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been completely immersed in their topic: *'The Diversity of Life'*. We have finished our learning based on the short animation *'For the Birds'* and practised using written dialogue to tell the story. On Wednesday, we watched short film called *'Little Freak'* and used it as the basis for some excellent setting and character descriptions. In PSHE, we had some very good discussions on the subject of gender stereotypes, and began to think about how we stereotype others without meaning to. In History and Geography, we started our local area study, using maps of Woking and finding the location of different features, both current and historic. In Music, the children have squeezed in one final lesson on their Adele topic, *'Make You Feel My Love'*. As this was the final lesson, they worked in pairs to perform the melody and also the accompanying chords. Our Science project continued with the children using the data they have been collecting and collating to draw a series of useful graphs and charts. Finally, World Book Day—the effort everybody put in to their costumes was amazing!



Year 6

Year 6 kick started their week with some exciting Science over in the lab; we were exploring the composition of blood and the functions of the different elements within our bodies. We then used this practical learning to create some informative fact pages, using the key vocabulary learnt. In Maths, we have continued with our learning on percentages and explored different ways of breaking them down in order to find a percentage of an amount. In our English sessions, we wrote up final copies of our non-chronological reports on Yellow-Spotted Lizards before moving onto writing a letter from the point of view of Stanley from our class text—*Holes*. Our afternoons have been very creative this week as we have been recreating Van Gogh's *'Starry Night'* using similar techniques to this well-known artist for images of our own special places. On Wednesday, the sun was shining for us, allowing us to head over to the tennis courts for our weekly lesson. We enjoyed working on our accuracy and having mini matches where we focused on keeping control of the speed of the ball. The week ended with a fabulous World Book Day and Big Read—we certainly had some fantastic costumes from a whole range of books.

